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SUBJECT: AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (ASC)

1. WE MET TODAY WITH PROFESSOR FARNHAM TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT AT INDIANA AND ILLINOIS UNIVERSITIES AND WITHIN MUCIA FOR THE ASC. OUR SPECIFIC CONCERN AT THIS POINT IS TO RECRUIT A REPLACEMENT FOR PROFESSOR HEDIN FOR THE 1976/77 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE ANNUAL PROBLEM OF RECRUITING QUALIFIED AMERICAN STAFF FOR THE ASC, THOUGH VERY IMPORTANT, IS BUT ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF SUPPORT WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE U.S. FOR THE ASC AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY IF THIS NEW ENDEAVOR IS TO BE A SUCCESS IN THE LONG RUN. EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ASC AND AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS AT ONE OR MORE U.S. UNIVERSITIES MUST BE DEVELOPED IF THE ASC IS TO BECOME A REALLY VIABLE ACADEMIC CENTER.

2. WE THINK THAT SUPPORT FOR THE ASC SHOULD BE SOUGHT AMONG ENGLISH, AMERICAN HISTORY AND AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AT MUCIA UNIVERSITIES ASAP. TO THIS END WE SUGGEST THAT DEAN WILSON ATTEMPT TO CONVENE A MEETING OF MUCIA ENGLISH, AMERICAN HISTORY AND AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE APRIL 22 MUCIA MEETING IN AN ATTEMPT TO ELICIT THIS SUPPORT.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT PROFESSOR FARNHAM RETURN TO THE U.S. BRIEFLY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. IF THE MEETING CAN BE SET UP
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WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THE APRIL 22 MUCIA MEETING, THEN WE RECOM-

MEND THAT PROFESSOR FARNHAM TRAVEL TO THE U.S. FOR BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS.

4. IF SUCH A MEETING CANNOT BE SET UP BEFORE MAY 15, WE SUGGEST THAT PROFESSOR FARNHAM RETURN TO THE U.S. FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS TO VISIT APPROPRIATE MUCIA DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN IN AN EFFORT DO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR THE ASC.

5. WE HOPE THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FY-76 INDIANA UNIVERSITY GRANT FOR THE ASC TO FUND PROFESSOR FARNHAM' TRAVELLING EXPENSES. IN THE EVENT THAT HIS IS NOT THECASE, WE SUGGEST THAT DEAN WILSON DRAW UPON THE EXPERTISE OF PROFESSORS NUGENT AND WILES IN DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASC AND THE REALLH INTERESTING AND INTELLECTUALLY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY IT PRESENTS TO SERIOUS AMERICAN SCHOLARS BOTH THROUGH ACTIVE PARTI- CIPATION IN WARSAW AND THROUGH LESS DIRECT SUPPORT OF ASC ACTI- VITIES ON U.S. CAMPUSES.

6. WE SUGGEST THAT CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND OR CU POLISH PROGRAM OFFICER TITUS MIGHT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUCIA DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING TO AID IN DESCRIBING THESE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES. PLEASE ADVISE.
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